

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Colonel Charles R. Gray's dedication to service has made him a valuable asset to this state and country; and,

Whereas, We have very few occasions to recognize the patriotic individuals for their service to this state and country; and,

Whereas, Colonel Gray devoted more than 41 years of his life to the service of this state and country as a leader in key positions within the 109th Engineer Battalion and Joint Force Headquarters, culminating in his assignment as the United States Property and Fiscal Officer for the South Dakota National Guard; and,

Whereas, His loyalty and leadership have made him a cornerstone in the Armed Forces of this country; and,

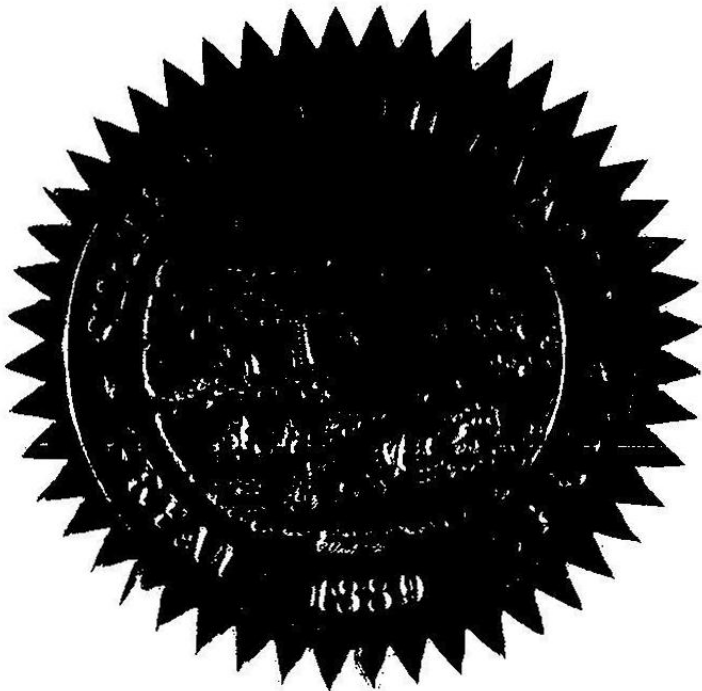
Whereas, Colonel Gray continues to give of himself; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to commend Colonel Charles R. Gray for more than 41 years of dedicated and outstanding service to this state and country:

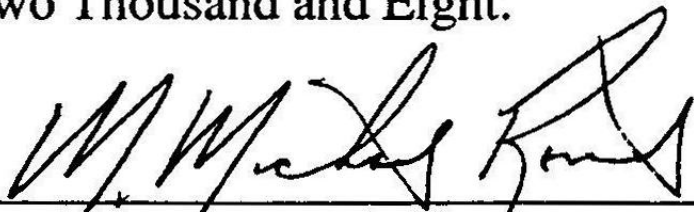
Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 1, 2008, as

COLONEL CHARLES R. GRAY DAY

in South Dakota, and I join with his family and friends in wishing him well in his retirement and thanking him for his service to the state of South Dakota and to the United States of America.




In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifteenth Day of February in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.



M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:



Chris Nelson, Secretary of State